



AWS CAREER PATH (NAC/AW)



Naval Aircrewman Helicopter (AWS) belongs to a diverse community that is highly specialized to the platform to which they are assigned. AWS's operate various aircraft systems to support Anti-Surface (ASUW), Search and Rescue (SAR), Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR), Naval Special Warfare (NSW), Airborne Mine Countermeasure (AMCM), Organic Airborne Mine Countermeasures (OAMCM), and Logistic missions onboard H-60H/S and H-53 aircraft. Members also serve as Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) pilots and payload operators.

YEARS OF SERVICE	CAREER MILESTONES	AVERAGE TIME TO PROMOTE	COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SEA/ShORE FLOW	TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT
26-30	AWCM	22.4 Yrs	CMC	36	4 th Shore Tour Duty: Detailer, TYCOM, NAVAIR, FRS, HSCWL, AW "A" School LCPO, NATTC, NASC, SARMM.
23-26	AWCM AWSCS	22.4 Yrs 20.1	CMC, CSC	36	4 th Sea Tour Billet: LCPO. Duty: HSC, HM, NSWG UAS. Qualification: Squadron Weapons and Tactics Instructor (SWTI), NATOPS Instructor/Evaluator.
20-23	AWCM AWSCS AWSC	22.4 Yrs 20.1 15.5	CWO, CMC, CSC	36	3 rd Shore Tour Billet: ECM, Detailer, SARMM, NAVAIR, FRS Instructor / Evaluator, Weapons School, SAR Evaluator, "A" School, CNATT, NSO/NSW Coordinator, Water Survival Instructor, SAR School, NACCS, Station SAR, HX, VX, NAWCAD System Development, ONI. Qualification: MTS.
16-20	AWSCS AWSC AWS1	20.1 Yrs 15.5 9.8	LDO, CWO, OCS, MECP, CSC, RDC, Recruiting	42	3 rd Sea Tour Billet: Operations LPO/LCPO. Duty: HS, HSC, HM, NSWG UAS. Qualification: SWTI, NATOPS Instructor/Evaluator.
13-16	AWSCS AWSC AWS1	20.1 Yrs 15.5 9.8		36	2 nd Shore Tour Billet: NAVAIR, FRS Instructor/Evaluator, Weapons School, SAR Evaluator, "A" School, CNATT, NSO/NSW Coordinator, Water Survival Instructor, SAR School, NACCS, Station SAR, HX, VX, NAWCAD System Development. Qualification: MTS.
9-13	AWSC AWS1 AWS2	15.5 Yrs 9.8 4.1		54	2 nd Sea Tour Billet: Operations LPO/LCPO. Duty: HSC, HM, NSWG UAS, ONI. Qualification: SWTI, MPO NATOPS/Training.



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6-9	AWS1 AWS2 AWS3	9.8 Yrs 4.1 1.4	STA-21, OCS, MECP, RDC, Recruiting	36	1 st Shore Tour Billet: FRS Instructor, WWS, "A" school, CNATT, and Water Survival Instructor, HX, VX, NAWCAD System Development. SAR School, Station SAR, NACCS Duty: Training Petty Officer, Tactics Petty Officer, Logs and Records. Qualification: MTS.
1-6	AWS2 AWS3	4.1 Yrs 1.4	STA-21, OCS, MECP, Naval Academy, NROTC, RDC, Recruiting	60	1 st Sea Tour Billet: Aircrewman. Duty: HSC, HM. Qualification: NAWS, EAWS, MPO NATOPS Instructor, SAR PO.
1+/-	AWS3 AWSAN AWSAA Accession Training,	1.4 Yrs 9 Months			Recruit Training, NACCS, RSS, NASC, FRS and all schools or training events required to be completed prior to reporting to their first operational command.

Notes:

1. Upon completion of initial training pipelines, AWSs are typically close-looped detailed by NEC/platform until there is no longer a need for that NEC.
2. Member must volunteer for duty involving flying.
3. Must attend refresher training at a Fleet Replacement Squadron if member was distributed to a billet not requiring regular flight. Annual NATOPS evaluations. Annual Search and Rescue evaluations (Rescue Swimmers Only).
4. Career enhancing billets or tours and special qualifications include: ECM/Detailer, FRS Instructor, Weapons School/Weapons Tactics Unit Instructor, Overseas Sea duty, NSO/NSW Coordinator, Recruit Division Commander, NACCS, SAR School, and A School.
5. The following service ratings were effective on 1 Oct 2008: AWR, AWS, AWO, AWF, AWV which fall under the general rating AW. Senior Chief Petty Officers in the five service ratings compress to the AWC rating when selected as a Master Chief Petty Officer.
6. In addition to operational duties, all AWs are required to maintain minimum Naval Aircrew standards as well as maintain a SECRET or higher security clearance.



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7. ACRONYMS SPECIFIC TO THE AW RATE INCLUDE:

SWTI	Squadron Weapons Tactics Instructor
FRS	Fleet Replacement Squadron
NAPP	Naval Aviation Production Process
NATOPS	Naval Aviation Training Operations Procedures and Standardization
WWS	Wing Weapons School
NACCS	Naval Aircrew Candidate School
RSS	Rescue Swimmer School
CV-TSC	Carrier Tactical Support Center
NSWG	Naval Special Warfare Group
MTOC	Mobile Tactical Operations Center